

Miss Miriam Ausbon, who was injured in an automobile mishap on the Turnpike near here some time ago, returned home from the hospital last Friday and is reported to be rapidly improving. Miss Ausbon, who is manager of the Washington County ASC office (formerly PMA) here, may be able to resume her duties Monday of next week, it was said. In her absence, the office is being managed by Mrs. Florence P. Oliver, county ASC secretary-treasurer.

A former Plymouth High School athlete received double mention in a recent issue of The Hertford County Herald, Ahoskie. Davenport has made a place for himself on the Chowan College Braves basketball squad and thus came in for mention in a write-up of a game the Braves were to play with the State College freshmen and also was mentioned in "Harold's Sport Herald," a column by Harold Simpson, of the Herald staff. The column said: "According to Coach Herb Appenzeller, at least one member of the team has his own pet method of keeping tabs on the scorekeeper. Appenzeller says that Forward Bobby Davenport gives himself a sharp pinch in the stomach every time he dumps a basket. At the end of the game he counts the number of red marks on his midsection. I'd like to know, though, how he separates his one-point free throws from his two-point field goals." The news item stated, "Bobby Davenport, a 6 foot 3 inch product of Plymouth High School, is scheduled to take the place of Roy Futrelle at the other forward position. Davenport hit for 10 points last Wednesday as the Braves battered Pembroke State College for an 87-39 win."

Coaches Joe Foster, Peter Carr and Charles Inabinet attended a meeting of Albemarle Conference officials in Tarboro last night. Rearrangement of the conference football schedule and selection of all-conference first and second teams by the coaches were to be main features of the gathering. It is also expected that applications will be considered from one or more schools to round out the conference with eight teams next season.

County and town law enforcement officers report that the Thanksgiving holiday period in the county was about the quietest in memory with no violence reported and no highway accidents.

Father of Local Resident Buried

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon of last week at Holly Springs Church, Martin County, for Nymphus Stoton Cherry, father of Warren Cherry, of Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. R. E. Walston, pastor, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial followed in the Andrews family cemetery in Williams Township.

Mr. Cherry died in a Williamston hospital shortly before 6 a. m. last Wednesday, victim of a heart attack. He had been in declining health for some time. He suffered a severe attack on the Saturday preceding his death and was removed by ambulance to the hospital where little hope was held for his recovery.

He was born in Williams Township, April 12, 1880, the son of the late William Andrew and Louise Gurganus Cherry. He lived and farmed in that community all his life. He was a member of Holly Springs Methodist Church for many years and active in its support.

Mr. Cherry was married November 27, 1901, to Mary Lucy Andrews, who survives. Other survivors are four sons, William Martin, Fred Gilbert and Percy Cherry, all of Williamston, and Warren Cherry, of Plymouth; five daughters, Mrs. John R. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Jones, and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, all of Williamston, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, of Oak City, and Mrs. Edward Hollis, of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Annie Robinson, of Williamston; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Barbecue and Basketball On Tap at Roper Friday

The barbecue supper and basketball double-header being sponsored by the Roper Ruritan Club will be held Friday night of this week, it is announced.

The supper will be served at the school lunchroom at \$1.25 a plate with proceeds to go into the activity bus fund.

A team made up of members of the Ruritan Club will battle the Roper High School boys in one of the games while wives of Ruritans will pit their skill against the high school girls' team in the other encounter of the evening.

IT'S JUST ABOUT THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN



From now until Christmas, toy counters in Plymouth stores will prove an irresistible attraction for young folks in general and this young lady in particular. She is Melody Kay Frymier, attractive two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Frymier. This will be the first Christmas that really means anything to her, as she wasn't quite big enough last year to appreciate old Santa and the myriad of gifts he has on display. Christmas has a double meaning for Melody, since her birthday falls on December 23, when she will be two years old, and she will have two big celebrations rolled into one.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Stocking Fund Drive Plans Are Completed

First Tag Sale To W. T. Medlin

The new 1954 state motor vehicle license plates—black letters and numerals on a yellow background—went on sale Tuesday morning of this week in the Carolina Motor Club office at Ward Insurance Agency on Washington Street here.

The first of the 1954 issuance went to W. T. Medlin, of Plymouth, according to Manager James H. Ward. The Carolina Motor Club for the 32nd year is agent in the State for the license sales. Up until this year, the local branch office was located at the Etheridge Company on the eastern outskirts of town. Motor vehicle owners have until January 31, 1954, to display the new tags. Declaring that early purchase will eliminate the usual last-minute rush, Mr. Ward said sales thus far have been "very slow."

Pepper Contracts Again Next Year

The C. C. Lang and Son pickle plant here will again contract for Bell peppers next season, it was learned here this week. It is also planned to increase the acreage. About 150 or more acres were devoted to the crop in the county last year.

C. W. Dinkins, manager of the plant, who has been ailing recently, was in a Chapel Hill hospital and could not be reached for details.

Seed beds for the pepper plants must be begun around January 15 and transplanting usually takes place about April 10 with the harvest season opening in July.

In addition to the peppers, the plant annually contracts for quite an acreage of cucumbers in Washington County and this section

Santa Claus To Be Here Next Week

Attention, kiddies! Santa Claus will hit Plymouth Friday afternoon of next week for his annual visit. That means free candy for the youngsters and a chance to meet old Santa and tell him what is wanted for Christmas.

Plymouth merchants are sponsoring the old gentlemen's visit this year and a parade is being arranged in his honor.

Thos. F. Hopkins, a spokesman for the merchants' group, said yesterday that arrangements will be made for both white and colored school bands in the county to participate in the parade,

Agriculture Building Here Will Be Used as Collection Point; Parceling To Begin 15th

Reports were made by representatives from various sections of the county and definite plans were formulated for prosecuting the annual Empty Stocking Fund drive at a meeting of project leaders at the courthouse here Monday night of this week.

The meeting was presided over by P. B. Bateman, of Plymouth, in the absence of the chairman, James T. Boyce, also of Plymouth, who was unavoidably detained.

Additional pledges of cash and usable articles of food, clothing and toys were received during the meeting. Pledges were made by both individuals and groups.

It was announced that anyone or any group desiring to make donations to the worthy project designed to offer holiday aid to the needy families of the county should please do so by contacting Mrs. Ursula B. Spruill, superintendent of the Washington County Welfare Department, at her offices on the second floor of the county courthouse here.

The deadline for donations was set for December 15 and it was said that work on preparing and wrapping gift boxes for Christmas distribution will begin at that time in the office of the county agent at the Agriculture Building.

Anyone having names of needy persons should send them to Mrs. Spruill at the Welfare Department, it was said.

It is also urged that donors of clothing get the articles in just as soon as possible in order to afford time to have the clothes cleaned before distribution at Christmas time.

The Empty Stocking Fund project is sponsored here annually by the Plymouth Rotary Club with assistance of other groups and individuals and in past years has afforded a real measure of

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Important Voting On Quotas To Be Made December 15

General Manager of Cotton Growers Association Sees Decision of Farmers Most Important

Raleigh.—The decision cotton farmers make when they vote in the special marketing quota referendum December 15 may mean the difference between 34-cent and 17-cent cotton next year, according to M. G. Mann, general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association.

The outcome of the balloting will determine the level of price support for cotton produced in 1954, he explained. If two-thirds or more of those voting in the referendum favor marketing quotas, supports will remain at 90 per cent of parity next year.

If more than one-third of those voting cast ballots against quotas, the support price will drop to 50 per cent of parity for those who plant within their acreage allotments and no support for those who overplant.

"The Secretary of Agriculture has already proclaimed acreage allotments on the 1954 crop," Mann explained. "Therefore, regardless of the outcome of the referendum, acreage allotments will be in effect."

"This means," the farm leader continued, "that the choice before cotton growers on December 15 essentially is whether they want a reduced acreage and 90 per cent of parity or only 50 per cent of parity for those who cooperate."

"As I see it," Mann went on, "the decision farmers of North Carolina and other cotton-growing states make that day will have a far-reaching effect on our economy. I hope that every cotton producer will see the great importance of the question and cast a ballot in favor of marketing quotas on December 15."

Soil Supervisors In Joint Meeting

Conservation workers from this county are expected to be among those from several other Eastern Carolina counties attending a joint meeting of supervisors of both Coastal Plain and Pamlico Soil Conservation districts at Greenville Friday of this week.

The meeting will begin at 2 p. m. and will be held in the Pitt County Agriculture Building, S. L. Daughtridge, area conservationist, has announced.

The Pamlico district, of which Washington County is a member, will have its part of the program first and that of the Coastal Plain district will follow. Following supper, there will be a brief meeting at which J. W. Sargent, assistant regional director of the Soil Conservation Service, from Spartanburg, S. C., will be the principal speaker.

During the afternoon, one supervisor from each county represented will give an oral report stating some of the main accomplishments, problems and plans of the respective counties.

Other counties in the Pamlico district are Hyde, Tyrrell and Beaufort while the Coastal Plain district is comprised of Martin, Edgecombe, Greene and Pitt Counties.

In addition to supervisors, it was said, all interested farmers in each county are urged to attend the meeting.

Choral Club To Present Program at Holly Neck

The Choral Club of Roanoke Bible College, Elizabeth City, will present a Christmas program of music at Holly Neck Church of Christ Wednesday of next week.

The program will be under direction of Harold C. Turner and Miss Pearl Pressley. It will begin at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY TO OPEN NEXT WEEK



The Plymouth unit of the Planters National Bank & Trust Company will open for business Thursday of next week, December 10, at 9 a. m. Construction work on the building and installation of equipment was completed this week, although blacktopping of the driveways had not been completed when this picture was made. The bank is located at the corner of Water and Adams Street and has two drive-in windows, one of which is shown in this photo. The new bank will be open from 9 a. m. until 7 p. m. next Thursday, and a general invitation is extended to the public to visit it and meet members of the operating personnel on that day.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Slight Increase In Tobacco Crop For Coming Year

Action Will Likely Have Little Effect on County; Peanuts, Cotton Acreage Cut

Ignoring the expressed wishes of farmers, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson last week ordered a slight increase in 1954 flue-cured tobacco. The added acreage will be limited to about 13,500 and most of the increase will go to fringe-producing areas, according to the announcement. It is possible a few additional acres will be allotted to farmers in this county, but the increase will hardly come as a blanket percentage gain. Rather, any additional acreage allotted this and other main tobacco-producing counties will be limited possibly to new growers or for making adjustments in some cases. The action taken by Mr. Benson has not been officially announced.

This year 1,044,500 acres were planted to tobacco in the flue-cured producing sections. The allotment has been increased, according to the unofficial announcement, to 1,057,000 acres in 1954, a gain of 13,500 acres.

The preliminary announcement is not quite clear in that the secretary was quoted as saying the increase would be nearly seventy-five million pounds. The poundage does not correspond with the announced acreage increase. Hardly more than fifteen million pounds can be expected from the 13,500 additional acres allotted for 1954.

Congressman Harold Cooley, former chairman of the House Agriculture committee, commented that he had rather trust the judgment of the farmers and their organizations which supported a decrease in acres of not less than five percent.

W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist for the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture, was quoted as saying the action of the United States Department of Agriculture was all right.

While Mr. Benson increased tobacco slightly, he cut peanuts about four percent and just about wiped out cotton production.

The over-all decrease in cotton acreage will run around 30 percent, but the reduction will run considerably higher than that figure in many cases.

Church Women Here Will Organize Council Friday

Mrs. T. S. Newbold, president and Mrs. C. C. Todd, secretary, of the North Carolina Council of Church Women, will visit Plymouth, December 4. Their coming is for the purpose of organizing Plymouth Council of Church Women. The meeting will take place at Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, at 11 a. m.

All women of the Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches of Plymouth are urged to attend this meeting. Decision to have the women's organizations of these five local churches organized into a Plymouth Council of Church Women was made at the World Community Day service at the Plymouth Christian Church, November 6th.

New Bank Will Open Here Next Thursday

Personnel To Serve Under Manager D. Marvin Weaver Announced; Modern Drive-In Structure Ready

Formal opening of the Plymouth unit of the Planters National Bank & Trust Company is definitely set for Thursday morning of next week.

The opening will mark culmination of efforts first begun here several years ago to obtain a second bank for the community, and more directly will be the concluding step of the plan launched January 29th of this year when application was filed with the Controller of the Currency for a national bank here.

Addition of the Planters unit here gives Washington County branches of two of the strongest banks in Eastern North Carolina, the Plymouth unit of Branch Banking & Trust Company, of Wilson, having continuously served the town and county since 1925.

A spokesman for the new bank said it would open officially for business at 9 a. m. and that it would remain open until 7 p. m.

Regular banking hours will be from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. but Open House will be held from 9 to 7. Marking the opening will be a series of gifts which have been deposited as "gifts for first 100 depositors of \$100 or more, 10 savings accounts given to lucky depositors on opening day and other gifts to all our friends and guests." Several of the banking officials are expected to be on hand for the occasion.

Personnel of the bank went on duty as of December 1st and Wednesday made a trip to Rocky Mount to visit the home office there. Persons who would like to go in an look around the bank are welcome, it was said.

The beautiful colonial-type brick structure was erected by Hand Construction Company, of Belmont. Equipment has been installed and the grounds have been graded and attractively curbed. Black-top surfacing will be done Friday of this week, it was said.

The first drive-in bank for this county will be ready for business. See NEW BANK, Page 8

Board Meets Monday For Town and County

The governing bodies of town and county, as well as the county board of education, will hold their usual monthly meetings here Monday of next week.

The county commissioners and the board of education will meet in their respective quarters at the courthouse Monday morning, while the Plymouth Town Council will meet in the Municipal Building that night at 8 o'clock.

It is thought that a main item of business for the commissioners will be to make arrangements for beginning the annual task of tax listing on January 1, 1954. The county tax supervisor and tax lists for the several townships are usually appointed at the regular December meeting and arrangements made for a meeting of the supervisor and list takers

some time in the month to set up a uniform schedule of values to be used in listing personal property and livestock throughout the county.

It will also be a reorganizational meeting for the commissioners. A chairman for the body is customarily named at the December meeting and it is expected that Chairman Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth, will again be named to serve in that capacity. It is also anticipated that County Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Davenport, of Skippersville, will be reappointed Monday.

Another item of business will be the drawing of a list of jurors to serve for the criminal term of Washington County Superior Court to open here Monday, January 4.

Civic Clubs, Band Here To Assist in Bloodmobile Visit

Canvass by Cooperating Organizations Planned for Town; Band To Appear Twice

In an effort to meet the quota on the next bloodmobile visit to this county December 14 and yet not call on donors who have repeatedly given a major portion of the blood donated here since inception of the program, several local civic organizations will be called upon to canvass the town for donors, it was announced this week.

Arrangements have also been made with Principal J. S. Fleming, of Plymouth High School, to allow the high school band to make two appearances at a booth to be set up downtown in front of the Legion Hall Thursday afternoon of this week and also next week, it was said.

The band will appear at 2 p. m. on each occasion and six high school girls will be selected to recruit blood donors for the bloodmobile visit.

The Red Cross bloodmobile unit from Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., will set up for operations at the Veterans Club here and actual hours when donors will be received will be from 11 a. m. to 4:45 p. m., it was announced.

The visit is again being jointly sponsored by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Refreshments will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary.

The quota has been set at 150 pints. No recruitment chairman has been named to serve as yet and it may be that several persons active in the blood bank program here will collaborate.

Attention has been called to the continued need for blood for the gamma globulin program as well as for civilian use. Part of the blood donated will go into the local blood bank.

It was also emphasized that the blood program benefits both white and colored persons and that members of both races may give blood and are urged to do so.

The appearance here Monday after next will be the last of the year for the bloodmobile unit which regularly makes four calls each year.

Elizabeth City Men To Address VFW Meet Here

Wesley Cullipher and Carlton Garrett, both of Elizabeth City, will speak on youth activities at the regular meeting of Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Thursday night of this week.

The announcement was made by Post Commander W. J. Weaver who stated that the meeting would be at the Veterans Club and would open at 8 o'clock.

Every member of the post is urged to be present and to bring a new member if possible.

Scouts Collect Empty Cartons

Carl L. Bailey, jr., Plymouth scoutmaster, stated today that the scouts have been asked to collect empty cardboard boxes from stores for use in packing Christmas gifts in the Empty Stocking campaign here.

Mr. Bailey said that about 400 or more of the cartons will be needed to pack gifts for the needy in the county.

The scouts will have Wednesday and Friday of each week as collection days and merchants are asked to remember this and lend their cooperation. The first canvass was made Wednesday of this week but only "about 15 or 20 boxes were obtained," Mr. Bailey stated.

Anyone having boxes to donate can get them picked up by calling Bailey.

Holly Neck Ladies Aid To Sponsor Bake Sale Here

The Ladies' Aid Society of Holly Neck Church of Christ will sponsor a bake sale Saturday of this week in Plymouth, it is announced.

The sale will be held at Norman Furniture Company on East Water Street and will begin at 9 a. m., it was said. The sale will continue until the supply of goodies is exhausted, it was explained.

Proceeds will go into the church building fund.